

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above referenced application as amended. Claims 7, 9, 25 and 28 remain in the application. Claims 1-6, 8, 10-24 and 26-27 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 7, 9 and 25 have been amended. Support for the amendments can be found in the original specification, claims and/or figures. In this regard, no new matter has been introduced.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant would like to gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication that claims 7, 9, 25 and 28 would be allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, Applicant has amended claims 7, 9 and 25.

Claims 7, 9 and 25 have been amended to include all of the limitations of their base claims and any intervening claims. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully asserts that claims 7, 9, 25 and 28 are in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 7, 9, 25 and 28 are in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is believed that such contact would further the examination of the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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